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Application: 23/03065/LBC

Site: Playhouse Theatre 18 - 20 Greenside Place Edinburgh EH1 3AA

Proposal: Installation of two external condenser units and flue.

Remit:

Theatres Trust is the national advisory public body for theatres. We were established through the Theatres Trust Act 1978 'to promote the better protection of theatres' and provide statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use in Scotland through The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulation 2013, requiring the Trust to be consulted by local authorities on planning applications which include 'development involving any land on which there is a theatre'.

Comment:

This application for listed building consent has come to the attention of Theatres Trust because it is seeking to install external condenser units to the roof of the scene dock and a flue to the north-east elevation at Edinburgh Playhouse. This is related to

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a wider programme of investment in the building's repair and maintenance, for which we have commented on a number of previous recent applications and is to be welcomed.

The condenser units will be largely concealed by the parapet on the scene dock roof. Whilst the flue will create some visual impact, we consider this to be very minor and mitigated through this elevation being a less sensitive part of the building with some existing servicing already in place. We concur with applicant's assertion that there will be negligible impact on the building's character and significance or that of the wider setting within the conservation area.

We are therefore supportive of the granting of listed building consent.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance or should you wish to discuss this representation in greater detail.

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